My dear Sir,

I had the pleasure this day of seeing Mr. Wm S. MacLeay the Naturalist, who has just arrived from Cuba on his way to England. He ~~has~~ came Years in N. S. Wales in Government Employ, & has really been an important contributor to Science. He goes to Boston tomorrow, & returns next Week, when I hope to introduce him to you; but ad interim, I want to furnish him with Letters to the men of Science in Boston; Will you therefore favor me with Letters for him to Dr Jackson, Mr Green & any other of the right sort you may know there: I shall want them by midday, & my Bro[r] will take charge of them for me. Your

compliance with metodist

Yr sincere friend

John Torrey

5th Mar.

[1836?]

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Mr McKay formerly wrote much on Zoology, but has lately attended to Entomology, & has indeed collected & described in most Branches of Science. He wants to see the private Collection in this country before he goes to Europe

East Chester 5 April 1852

My dear friend

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Once more I feel (though as yet imperfectly) to the Use of the Pen, I have Pleasure in satisfying your kind Solicitude about me. I can now walk about on Crutches, & suffer but little Pain from any of my Wounds, but my Progress now seems slow. There is no flexure of the new Cartilage of the broken Knee; nor any Return of nervous Sensation about the Head except to the Eye, which I can use for 2 or 3 Hours a day in Reading: the Senses of Taste & Smell are still wanting, of the latter particularly I have not a trace. As I can as yet take little or no Exercise, my muscular Strength has returned very slightly. However I consider myself as one snatched from Death by the special Mercy of God, & I trust am resigned to his good Pleasure concerning me.

I think often of you all & wish you well through the Resettlement of your Lares & Penates, a comfortless Task. We are all well here, but half blown away with Storms of Wind. I say nothing about a Visit from you till the blossoms are about us, when I shall hope for a Visit from you & the dear Mama, to whom present my kind Regards.

Lewisburg Nov 6

Yours truly

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